

## How to serve your employer in an Uninsured Employers Fund case

You must complete and make copies of certain documents and forms when filing an Uninsured Employers Fund claim (see I&A guide 16). These documents must be served on your employer in order for the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board (WCAB) to handle your claim. When completing the forms, take special care to correctly name your employer. See I&A guide 16 (A) for more information on naming your employer.

You must also make sure your employer knows about your claim. The correct way to do this is called "service of process." Serving your employer means giving them a copy of the special notice of lawsuit, application for adjudication of claim, order of joinder, proof of service and other documents listed in I&A guide 16. This step is necessary to move forward with your claim. **You cannot do this yourself.**

There are several legal ways to serve your employer:

- Service by a law officer: This means using the marshal or sheriff's office to serve your employer. You can find your local law enforcement office by looking in the phone book. You will be charged a fee.
- Service by process server: This means using someone other than yourself who is 18 years or older and not a party to your case to serve your employer. The process server must personally give a copy of your claim documents to your employer. The individual employer, a partner, a corporate officer, an agent for service process, a general manager, or any individual or entity authorized to receive service of process can be served using this method. The process server must also sign a "proof of personal service" form showing when your employer was served. Commercial process servers will charge a fee. You can also ask a friend or relative to do it.
- Using substituted service: This means serving someone other than your employer. You must follow procedures carefully if you use this method. The person served must be someone authorized to accept service -- not just anyone. The document package must be left with a competent member of the household who is 18 years or older, or a person who is in charge at your employer's place of business. The process server must tell the person being served what the document package is for. A copy of the documents must also be mailed, first class, to the employer at the address where the documents were left. The service will not be complete until 10 days after the copies are mailed to the employer.
- Mail and acknowledgement service: This means mailing copies to the person or corporation being served. Attach a return receipt or other evidence of actual delivery to the person being served.
- Service by publication: This is a last resort. Generally you must show a workers' compensation judge you have exhausted all available information sources before this kind of service is considered acceptable.

You can learn more about serving your employer from the Department of Consumer Affairs. See their Web site at [www.dca.ca.gov/legal](http://www.dca.ca.gov/legal). You can also get more information from your county small claims court office.

If you need help call an Information and Assistance (I&A) office or attend a workshop for injured workers. The local I&A phone numbers are attached to this guide. You can get information on a local workshop from the I&A office or on the Web at [www.dir.ca.gov/dwc](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc).

The information contained in this guide is general in nature and is not intended as a substitute for legal advice. Changes in the law or the specific facts of your case may result in legal interpretations different than those presented here.

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